

FROM the Washington dispatches of the New York Times we learn that Speaker Carlisle "is extremely anxious to relieve those persons who have obtained the impression that the control of the house has been turned over to the south." It appears that the speaker directs attention to the fact that there has really been generous to the north. There were several southern members unprovided for who would have been quite willing to act as chairmen, and yet Mr. Carlisle sacrificed his feelings and friends by appointing northern men to chairmanships. It is right to do justice to Mr. Carlisle in this matter for he felt the north deserved recognition and really did quite well in acting up to the conviction. Furthermore, he points out that he has not failed to recognize the union soldiers. Of course he was not bound to do anything of the sort, but nevertheless he did so, and was quite careful to see that they were placed on committees of some sort, and was real good to him to thus raise superior to the weakness that would naturally incline

But, then, why was not Mr. Randall chosen

Gov. Butler's Presidential Room
Boston Globe.

Gov. Butler," said a Globe reporter, "how much truth is there in the paragraph in the rounds of the press that you are going to Washington to work up a presidential bid?"

"Well, let's see," replied the governor. "At that place, the paragraph I have seen saying that I am to open my house in Washington, is true. Second, that I am going to Washington this winter to live. That is not true. Third, that I engaged the *National View* newspaper to publish my nomination for the presidency. That is true. I have no communication with any one at all, and did not know anything

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church, Gay street, West Washington, held their Christmas celebration in the church last night. A large attendance of children and parents were present. Two handsome Christmas trees well filled with "good things" were placed at the address. The "Carol" sung, and the address was made by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Lodge, Jr. First and others. Recitations were also made by some of the little ones. The decorations of the church consisted of a large evergreen tree, with a host of little lights, and a large number of Christmas tree decorations distributed, and all present enjoyed well the exercises of the evening. The superintendent, Mr. John Newman, had charge.

It required fifteen centuries to raise the population of Paris from 8,000 under Julius, to the last half of the fourth century, to 200,000 in 1800. The territory of the city was no more than fifty hectares, or 150,000 square meters, in the time of Caesar, and thirty-eight in the reign of Julius, while in the thirteenth century it had expanded to 233 hectares. It was troubled, under Henry IV, with a population of 200,000 souls, having taken three centuries to double itself in the time of the Gauls. It was troubled again in 1800, the respective totals at these two dates having been 600,000 and 1,700,000. It now exceeds 2,000,000.